

# South African Schools' Project

## NEWSLETTER

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### TRANSPORT OF DELIGHT



#### *Our new vehicle*

We are very excited about the delivery of our new vehicle, courtesy of General Motors.

Tom was delighted to receive a phone call from GM, saying that they were going to supply a brand new vehicle for the sole use of the charity. GM have their own charitable organisation called Childlife, and their trustees considered SASP to be one of the most effective charities in South Africa, making a tangible difference to the lives of children.

As you can see from the picture, the vehicle is a pick up truck, or bakkie as they are known in South Africa, and it has already been put to good use. This picture shows Bill and Tom making a food collection from the Pick 'n' Pay supermarket in Jeffreys Bay, to take out to the farm school at Uitvlucht.



GM have also kindly purchased a trailer for the bakkie.

**Many thanks to General Motors.**

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### SASP IN THE SWIM

Caro de Jager, a 13-year old girl who lives in Jeffreys Bay, and whose specialism is open water swimming, has received support from SASP in recent months. Her potential was spotted by Tom, who soon realised that Caro's future prospects were extremely limited by a lack of finance.

SASP stepped in to provide her with R1000 (about £80) to enable her to compete in the South African National Championships.

We are proud to report that Caro won the National Under 15 race, and we now have a National Champion on our hands.

This could not have happened without the intervention of SASP. SASP exists to provide children with targeted, controlled support and we are delighted to have helped Caro and wish her continuing good luck in the future.

Watch this space.



*Caro, with Tom and Bill.*

## HEAVEN SENT

It has recently been announced that Seventh Heaven, the children's refuge that SASP supports, is to receive a Lottery grant, to help provide permanent, purpose built accommodation – a project in which Tom will be actively involved during the coming months.

This is wonderful news and they can now plan ahead, sure in the knowledge that they will be able to continue to provide for the needy and neglected children that arrive on their doorstep, often in the middle of the night.

SASP has been involved with Seventh Heaven for about 5 years providing food, essential cleaning materials, children's clothing and bedding, as well as food hampers and gifts at Christmas and Easter.

In March this year Tom and Saff took five of the children away for a weekend of fun and activity, which was hugely successful.



## RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

An exciting plan has been developed which will allow children in the Eastern Cape, in schools supported by SASP, to link with schools in the Western Cape supported by the Diocese of York.

In December 2012, 24 children will take part in this project which will be centred in Arniston.

A wonderful programme of historical, sporting and community tasks has been assembled.

This is a great opportunity for the youngsters involved and is fully supported by both the Eastern and Western Cape Boards of Education and by the Principals of the schools involved, as you can read for yourselves.

***'The South African Schools' Project has been involved with our school since 2006. I think this is the most wonderful opportunity for our children. They have never in their lives been given such an opportunity before'***

Sarien Viljoen, Principal, Uitvlucht Primary School

***'This is a wonderful opportunity you have presented to us. Apart from the academic advantages, our children will be given the opportunity to socialise and broaden their horizons'.***

Mr Geswint, Principal,  
Graslaagte Primary School

***'The South African Schools' Project is already heavily involved with disadvantaged schools in this area, sponsoring learners and supplying vital equipment. We feel it will be a fantastic opportunity for our under-privileged learners to travel outside our province'.***

Mr Nel, Principal, Kruisfontein Primary School

## MINI-GAP 2012

Final preparations are being made before Jodie and Beckie become the second pair of girls from Abbots Bromley School to spend an exhilarating yet challenging two weeks in South Africa. They will be visiting in October, have many ideas and are very keen for their experience to begin. Good luck, girls!

Mini-Gap 2013 has already been launched with more girls keen to follow in the giant footsteps of Claire and Sarah, our first Mini-Gappers.

## SASP ON THE WEB

Our web presence continues to grow. We are rapidly approaching our 5000<sup>th</sup> visitor to the website, which will be a real landmark.

We are also investigating the possibility of developing a website exclusively for children, of that more later.

## THANKS

As always, huge thanks are owed to all those people who have supported or continue to support the work of SASP. Sadly we cannot change the lives of all the children of South Africa. However, through the projects outlined here, and with your help, we can give real hope to some.